


FOREWORD

This pamphlet provides information on public participation in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) through discussion of procedures for establishing and maintaining community relations programs, Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs), and Administrative Records. The information presented herein complements the information provided in chapter 10 of Program Manual: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites. Use of these procedures is required for all Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) elements and all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Commands having responsibility for performing hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) and ordnance and explosives (OE) response actions at FUDS properties. These procedures are recommended for response actions being conducted under the Base Realignment and Closure, Installation Restoration, and Work for Others programs.

Chapters 1 and 5, respectively, briefly introduce and conclude the discussion. Chapter 2 provides an overall survey of community relations programs, with special emphasis being given to the development and revision of Community Relations Plans (CRPs). Two key elements of community relations programs, RABs and Administrative Records, receive detailed consideration in chapters 3 and 4, respectively. The discussion of RABs incorporates substantial information on the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program. Appendices to the pamphlet provide helpful support materials, ranging from sample fact sheets to explanation of the organizing principles for Administrative Records.

The term "community relations" is used throughout this pamphlet in the same sense in which the term is understood in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

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